

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

January 23, 2023

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[January 23, 2023, BOE Meeting](#)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:47 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. The following Board members answered roll call: Dawn Martin, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr. Board member Noland participated remotely via Zoom. Board member John Devereux was absent.

President Kerr requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss individual student disciplinary matters; pending, probable or imminent litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public, or legal counsel for the public body; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School Board; the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property owned by the School Board; an internal audit, control weaknesses, collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; review of closed session minutes; and individual student matters.

The motion was made at 5:48 p.m. by Ms. Noland, second by Ms. Martin. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes 0. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made at 6:55 p.m. by Ms. Thommes, second by Ms. Martin, to move to open session. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Present for the business session were Board members Dawn Martin, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes, and Sue Kerr, Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders, and Chief Legal Officer Trisha Olson. Board member Veronica Noland participated via Zoom. The following administrators were also present at the District's central office: Dr. Josh Carpenter, Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Dr. Teresa Lance, Brian Lindholm, Mark Moore, Lela Majstorovic, and Dr. Ann Williams. Present for the meeting via Zoom were other administrators and members of the public.

Ms. Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Accent of Achievement - Dr. Sanders

A. National School Counseling Week

In recognition of National School Counseling Week, the U-46 Board of Education presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Alexa Charsha-Hahn, U-46 lead counselor,

on behalf of all U-46 high school guidance counselors. School District U-46 has approximately 60 school counselors serving more than 17,000 students in five high schools, eight middle schools, and two alternative programs. The role of a school counselor is to support a student's academic, social, and emotional growth and help them establish plans for their future. Counselors meet with students throughout the school year on both an individual and group basis to address social and emotional issues that arise in their lives and help them create academic plans that align with their post-high school goals.

2. Strategic Plan Report - Dr. Sanders (Board Policy 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification)

A. School Safety and Culture Update

Mr. Bell, Coordinator of Culture and Climate, and Mr. Bosh, Coordinator of School Safety, presented an update on School Safety and Culture.

B. Larkin Network U-46 Rising Update

Ms. Rabe, Executive Director of the Larkin Network, Mr. Corcoran, Harriet Gifford Elementary School Principal, Mr. Johnson, Highland Elementary School Principal, Ms. Bergbreiter, Independence - Early Learning Principal, and Mr. Pollack, Creekside Elementary School Principal, provided an update on U-46 Rigor Diagnostics and Rigor Walks for the Larkin Network.

3. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4. Other Business – Board Member and Superintendent Update, If Necessary

A. Additional Information

Ms. Kerr stated that she attended the Hanover Township presentation of awards, and that the Board is grateful for support the District receives from Hanover Township.

Dr. Sanders thanked the Board for engaging in their self-evaluation this past Saturday.

B. FOIA Requests

Dr. Sanders stated there were two (2) FOIA requests that the District has responded to since the previous Board meeting, and the responses were available on the Board book and would be made available on the District's website.

5. Other Business – CAC Update (Board Policy 2:152 - Advisory Committees to the Board)

A. Community Advisory Council (CAC) Update

Veronica Betz stated that CAC has upcoming meetings on the following dates: CAC Instructional Initiatives (January 25th via Zoom); CAC Executive (January 26th via Zoom); CAC General (February 9th via Zoom). Ms. Baetz stated that a Board candidate forum would be scheduled sometime in March before the upcoming election.

6. Consent Agenda – Dr. Sanders

- A. Personnel Report and Workers' Compensation Cases
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting – January 9, 2023
- C. Termination of Susana Villagomez - Bus Driver
- D. Bid - Plant Operations - Educational Services Center (ESC) Cooling Tower Replacement - Project #333
- E. Bid - Plant Operations - Illinois Park Center for Early Learning Foundation Waterproofing and Regrading - Project #1028
- F. Bid - Plant Operations - Illinois Park Center for Early Learning Fire Alarm Replacement - Project #1029
- G. Bid - Plant Operations - Ridge Circle Elementary School and Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement - Projects #1376 and #1403
- H. Bid - Plant Operations - Lords Park Elementary School and Prairieview Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacements - Projects #1152 and #1353
- I. Bid - Plant Operations - Channing Elementary School and Kimball Middle School Bathroom Renovations Phase 2 - Project #2069
- J. Proposal - Plant Operations - Abbott Middle School Cooler/Freezer Replacement - Project #357
- K. Bid - School Safety/Culture and Climate - Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Fencing Project
- L. Proposal - School Safety - Two-Way Radio Purchase
- M. Contract Renewal - Equity and Innovation - Panorama

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the consent agenda items A-M, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Ms. Noland, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

7. Discussion/Action – Dr. Sanders

A. Itemized Bills – January 23, 2023

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education regarding the itemized bills. Administration recommended the Board of Education approve the List of Bills in the amount of \$13,143,017.24.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the list of bills, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

B. Curriculum and Instruction - Literacy and Libraries K-12 - CommonLit Schools Essential PRO Resource Proposal

Ms. Kettle, Coordinator for Literacy and Libraries K-12, was available for questions relating to the CommonLit Schools Essential PRO Resource Proposal.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the proposal, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

C. Approval of District U-46 Secretarial Association (DUSA) Agreement

Dr. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented a proposed four-year Agreement with DUSA.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to approve the agreement, as presented. Upon roll call, yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Noland, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

8. Other Business - Dr. Sanders

A. December Financial Report

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the December Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

B. Investment Report for the Second Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, presented the Investment Report for the second quarter and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

C. Secondary Schools Financial Report for the Second Quarter

Mr. Burnidge, Director of Financial Operations, reviewed the Secondary Schools Quarterly Financial Report and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

9. Work Session – Dr. Sanders

A. Educational Pathways - International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Curriculum and Resource Proposal

Mr. Briesemeister, Director of Educational Pathways, Mr. Crosen, Elgin High School Principal, Ms. Foreman, Elgin High School Assistant Principal of Humanities, and Ms. Cabrera, IB and Academy Teacher, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the IB Program Curriculum and Resource Proposal.

B. Equity and Innovation - Business Courses Textbooks/Resource Proposal

Ms. Damewood, Coordinator for Career and Technical Education, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the Business Courses Textbooks/Resource proposal.

C. Curriculum and Instruction - Literacy and Libraries K-12 - GALE for Educators Resource Proposal

Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Banks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Kettle, Coordinator of Literacy and Libraries K-12, provided the Board of Education with information relating to the GALE for Educators Resource proposal.

10. Work Session - Bids/Proposals (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

A. Bid - Plant Operations - Elgin High School Roof Replacement - Project #246

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, L. Marshall, Inc., in the amount of \$5,371,000.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

B. Bid - Plant Operations - Fox Meadow Elementary School Roof Replacement - Project #726

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Elens and Maichin Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., in the amount of \$1,293,890.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

C. Bid - Plant Operations - Huff Elementary School Roof Replacement - Project #1002

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Preservations Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,403,000.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

D. Bid - Plant Operations - Lords Park Elementary School Roof Replacement - Project #1151

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Elens and Maichin Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., in the amount of \$2,319,700.00 and requested authorization for

district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

E. Bid - Plant Operations - Streamwood High School Boiler, Pumps, Electrical Switchgear, and Generator Replacement Phase One and Phase Two - Project #323

Ms. Waldau, Director of Plant Operations, presented the proposal summary and was available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended award to the lowest responsible bidder, Monaco Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$5,055,100.00 and requested authorization for district administration to execute related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and the Health Life Safety Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years.

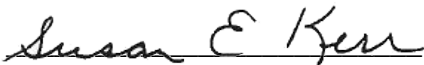
11. Work Session - Contracts Over \$25,000.00 (Board Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts)

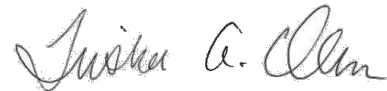
A. Contract - Teaching and Learning - Care Solace

Dr. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, and Dr. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the proposal and were available to respond to questions from the Board of Education. Administration recommended approval of the contract with Care Solace in the amount of \$363,420.00, and requested authorization for district administration to executive related documents. This expenditure will be charged to the ESSER Fund. The cost is included in the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Motion by Ms. Thommes, second by Mrs. Porter, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2023 at 9:56 p.m. Upon roll call yes votes: Ms. Martin, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Porter, Ms. Thommes, and Ms. Kerr. No votes: 0. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approved this 13th day of February, 2023


President


Secretary